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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Kilbourne Johnston

SUBJECT : Administration of [REDACTED] Materiel Reserve

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REFERENCE : Memo dtd 22 Apr 52 to AD/PC fr Chief, Adm & Log, OPC, same subject.

As a matter of principle, DE/A will endeavor to handle this matter in whatever way AD/PC thinks best to support his operations. However, these practicalities should be borne in mind:

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a. [REDACTED] has not been released, and we have no assurance that it will be. Hence, I would recommend that allocation to various areas be held in abeyance until we know whether the remaining [REDACTED] is going to be released and have some idea as to how much of it we can obligate during this fiscal year.

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b. We should check out with the Bureau of the Budget before committing funds and materiel to areas other than the Far East.

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c. After the [REDACTED] is released and we are able to obligate it, some planned allocation to the various areas at this time would seem to be essential. We do not have central storage facilities to accommodate this materiel, nor are any being planned. Therefore, when this materiel starts coming out of the pipeline it seems almost essential that it be committed to an area. Once it is in the area, getting it out and into another area would pose numerous and serious obstacles which, of course, are obvious. DE/A would, of course, comply with AD/PC's requests for changes in the planned allocation, if at all possible, but, under the circumstances with which we are faced, I think that we must enjoy something less than maximum flexibility that could be provided if storage facilities centrally located existed or were planned.

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cc: Chief, Proc & Sup

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